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REMARKS

In response to a final Office Action with a date mailed of August 16, 2005, that rejects claims 35-40, applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal that was received by the Patent Office on Feb. 21, 2006. An Appeal Brief has not yet been submitted by applicants.

The present Amendment is submitted to correct a minor typographical error by making claim 35 dependent on claim 1 rather than claim 2. No other changes to the claims are made by the present Amendment. With entry of the present Amendment, claims 35-37 depend on, respectively, independent claims 1, 18 and 21. Claims 18 and 21 are, respectively, system and computer program product versions of method claim 1. Similarly, claims 36 and 37 are, respectively, system and computer program product versions of method claim 35.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter this Amendment to permit the rejected claims to be presented in better form for consideration on appeal.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 502584 referencing docket number SNPS.0024REI.

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